

We claim:

1. A desk sharing method for transferring full user identity and feature
functionality from a dedicated telephone device to a shared telephone device,
5 wherein said dedicated telephone device and said shared telephone device
belong to a single Enterprise Communication Platform (ECP) node,
comprising the steps of:

executing a desk sharing application;
10 reserving an available shared telephone device; and
automatically impersonating full user identity and feature functionality
from said dedicated telephone device to said shared telephone device.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein said desk sharing application is integrated with
15 an administrative library of said single ECP.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of reserving said available shared
telephone device includes reserving at least one other shared resource.
- 20 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said other shared resource is a shared office
space.
5. The method of claim 3 wherein said other shared resource is a shared
computer.
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6. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of automatically impersonating full
user identity and feature functionality from said dedicated telephone device to
said shared telephone device includes using the autoset relocate ECP
administrative function.
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7. The method of claim 1 wherein said dedicated telephone device is a virtual
telephonic device represented by a database entry at said ECP.

8. The method according to claim 1 wherein an administrative interface of said ECP is employed to perform said automatic impersonation of full user identity and feature functionality from said dedicated telephone device to said shared telephone device.
9. The method of claim 1 wherein said desk sharing application is outside of said ECP.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein a generic Application Programming Interface (API) is used to connect said desk sharing application to said ECP administrative library.
11. A desk sharing apparatus for impersonating full user identity and feature functionality from a dedicated telephone device to a shared telephone device, wherein said dedicated telephone device and said shared telephone device belong to a single Enterprise Communication Platform (ECP) node, comprising:
- means for executing a desk sharing application;
 - means for reserving an available shared telephone device; and
 - means for automatically impersonating full user identity and feature functionality from said dedicated telephone device to said shared telephone device.
12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said desk sharing application is integrated with an administrative library of said single ECP.
13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said means for reserving said available shared telephone device includes reserving at least one other shared resource.
14. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said other shared resource is a shared office space.

15. The apparatus of claim 13 wherein said other shared resource is a shared computer.
- 5 16. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said means for automatically impersonating full user identity and feature functionality from said dedicated telephone device to said shared telephone device includes using the autoset relocate ECP administrative function.
- 10 17. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said dedicated telephone device is a virtual telephonic device represented by a database entry at said ECP.
18. The apparatus according to claim 11 wherein an administrative interface of said ECP is employed to perform said automatic impersonation of full user
15 identity and feature functionality from said dedicated telephone device to said shared telephone device.
19. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said desk sharing application is outside of said ECP.
- 20 20. The apparatus of claim 19 wherein a generic Application Programming Interface (API) is used to connect said desk sharing application to said ECP administrative library.